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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 9738

FROM USDEL MOOSE AND MCHENRY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SF, NA, US  
SUBJECT: REQUEST OF PELCOVITS STUDY BY COMMISSIONER OF NAMIBIA

1. COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AHTISAARI APPROACHED AMBASSADOR MCHENRY AT LAGOS CONFERENCE TO REQUEST COPY OF PELCOVITS STUDY IN CONNECTION WITH CONTINGENCY PLANNING ON NAMIBIA. AHTISAARI COMPLAINED OF DEARTH OF INFORMATION IN HIS OFFICE AND SECRETARIAT ON ACTUAL SITUATION INSIDE NAMIBIA. HE THEN STRESSED THE INADVISABILITY OF CONSTRUCTING A PLAN WITH LITTLE OR NO RELATION TO THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND. HE THOUGHT PELCOVITS STUDY COULD PROVIDE VALUABLE BACKGROUND. HE ASSURED MCHENRY THAT HE WOULD KEEP COPY OF THE PELCOVITS STUDY IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

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2. WE REALIZE THAT IN THE PAST WESTERN FIVE HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO PASS OUT PELCOVITS STUDY OUT OF CONCERN THAT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ALL FIVE COUNTRIES SUPPORTED THE STUDY. HOWEVER, PELCOVITS STUDY IS ONLY ONE OF MANY CONTRACTS LET ANNUALLY AND THERE AMPLE DEMONSTRATION THAT THESE DO NOT NECESSARILY BECOME POLICY. MOREOVER, IMPORTANCE OF AHTISAARI'S CONTINGENCY

PLANNING ARGUES STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF ASSISTING HIM IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. WE, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT AHTISAARI BE GIVEN COPY OF STUDY.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND USUN VIEWS ON SUBJECT. IF AGREEABLE TO SHARING COPY WITH AHTISAARI, IT MIGHT BE BEST TO DO SO WITH APPROPRIATE ASSURANCES FROM AHTISAARI, INDEPENDENTLY OF THE FIVE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE SO THAT AHTISAARI CAN BE INFORMED PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON SATURDAY FOR NEW YORK EASUM

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